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Subject: FW: Sit Rep #1: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28/2022-01-29
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Good Afternoon Terry-Lynn,

Please the information below that was provided to me by Sorab. It is an advance copy of what will be coming up through the different channels but thought you might want it sooner than later.

I have confirmed that C&IP fed into this information as well as the information compiled by FP.

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Sir's,

Sit Rep working its way up through channels that Melisa Rusk was kind enough to put together with input from a number of sources.

Thanks,

Sorab

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Sir,
As requested:

Issue: Following the Government of Canada's announcement requiring all truck drivers crossing the border to be fully vaccinated effective 2022-01-15, planning for a national event entitled "Freedom Convoy 2022" was initiated on social media, advertising it as a fundraiser, which then gained momentum on other platforms. The convey began on 2022-01-22 in various provinces and is slated

to converge on the National Capital Region (NCR) between 2022-01-28 and 2022-01-29.

Current Status:

Event Overview

- The mobilization of convoys commenced on 2022-01-22, across various provinces. Since 2022-01-25, there have been 19 events reported in relation to the Freedom Convoy, with the greatest activity seen in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland. C&IP continues to track this, along with data related to CoVid-19 protest activity since the onset of the pandemic. While the majority of these 19 events have been concentrated at the Divisional level, the following is an overview of the known convoy, to date, that will be converging on the National Capital Region:
 - o According to the OPP, as of 2041hrs on 2022-01-25, the western convoy crossed the Manitoba-Ontario border and was comprised of approximately 830 vehicles, 200 of which are reported to be private. They departed Kenora, ON at 0900hrs on 2022-01-26 and are expected to end their day in Thunder Bay, ON at 1600hrs. OPP continues to track 11 different convoys currently converging in the province of Ontario and are estimating that they will arrive in the NCR on 2022-01-28 at 1530hrs.
 - o L Division has advised of the "PEI Freedom Convoy to Ottawa 2022" will be departing for the NCR on 2022-01-27. At this time, the size of this convoy is unknown.
 - o OSINT has identified plans for the Quebec Convoy to park on the Gatineau side, with approximately 3,600 demonstrators then crossing the bridge to convene on Parliament Hill.
 - o There are indications that some US trucks will be making an attempt to cross the border to participate in this demonstrations.
- The details surrounding the demonstrations expected once all convoys converge on the NCR on 2022-01-29 remain unclear. The route details converge on Parliament Hill. It is unknown at this time if the group will remain on the Hill for the duration of the demonstration or if this will extend to other protected sites. Significant disruptions are expected.
- The organizing group has not made any mention of attending other locations, however, Open Source has identified multiple social media posts indicating that other groups might attempt to cause disruptions at various protected sites in the area (ie.24 Sussex, Rideau Hall and Harrington Lake).
- While the event organizers have repeatedly stated that this will be a peaceful event, given it's size, its likely organizers will be unable to control the actions of participants. Open Source has identified indications that other activist and hate groups plan on participating in the demonstration, with some online chatter inciting violence and making references to the situations in Belgium and Capitol Hill. At this time, Parliament is recessed, however, the House of Commons is scheduled to return on 2022-01-31.
- Significant funds have been raised via a Go Fund Me Campaign, as of 2022-01-26, funds total \$5.2 M. Media is reporting that Go Fund Me has temporarily frozen the organizers access to these funds until such time that a detailed plan is provided by the organizers on how these funds intent on being used.
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Operational Planning

- Given the multi jurisdictional impacts of this large scale demonstration on the NCR, all key stakeholders (RCMP, OPP, OPS, PPS, SQ, MRC des Collines, the City of Ottawa, Ville de Gatineau, SPVG) are actively planning and collaborating to ensure public safety. The Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) is the planning lead for the Parliamentary Precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is leading the planning for the National Capital Region and National Division is planning in support of our protective mandate and working to ensure that we support our law enforcement partners in the region with any specialized support services required.
- Intersect had originally planned to convene a call at 0800 hrs on 2022-01-26, however due to technical difficulties, this call did not occur. An Intersect meeting is planned for 2022-01-27, however, at this time, OPS, RCMP, OPP and PPS are meeting to advancing planning efforts. Additional updates to follow.
- The National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) will be activated as of 08:00 on 2022-01-28, scaling up to a full activation for 2022-01-29. Plans will be in place to support a sustained activation, in the event that this demonstrations extends beyond 2022-01-29. All key internal and external stakeholders will have a presence in the Regional Command Centre to ensure ongoing communication and collaboration. While the NCRCC will also serve as the area command centre for the RCMP, forward command centres are being stood up at alternate locations by OPS and PPS with direct linkages into the NCRCC.
- In the event that the continuity of government becomes a concern, and the Prime Minister and Cabinet require an alternate location due to the impacts of these demonstrations, discussions are underway to explore the possibility of utilizing a secured RCMP facility in the NCR. National Division Protective Operations will have plans in place to ensure that they can support the movement of Cabinet to a secure location.
- In addition to the RCMP operational plans, PPS will be providing a copy of their initial Operational Plan to the Commanding Officer of National Division by COB on 2022-01-26 and the Director of PPS is actively engaging their Parliamentary partners and will be briefing the Speakers' Offices at the Senate and the House of Commons at 1500 hrs on 2022-01-26.
- PPS has requested that PSPC cease all construction on the grounds of Parliament Hill and is working with the City of Ottawa/OC Transpo to explore the availability of public transportation (O Train) in the event that resources need redeployed throughout the Precinct.
- Ottawa Police has signaled that preventative road closures will be affected in the downtown core, additional details to follow on these closures.
- National Division's Critical Incident Program (CIP), which includes the Protective Operations Response Unit, Emergency Response Team, Tactical Support Group, Crisis Negotiation Team, Critical Incident Commanders, Scribes and the Tactical Paramedic Unit are actively engaged in the planning process. A request is being prepared for interdivisional assistance from C and O Division, The staging of RCMP public order resources and any other specialized operational support from the RCMP will be done in a discrete manner. At this time, we have not received a formal request for support from PPS or OPS, however, it is expected that these requests will be forthcoming as interagency planning evolves.
- RCMP Air Services support is being explored to assist in providing situational awareness as the convoy converges on the NCR and to supplement protective posture, in the event that an evacuation is required at one of our protected sites.

- National Division is in the process of initiating a CIG, with representation from key internal (FPTAS) and external operational stakeholders (OPS, OPP, PPS, CSIS, DND, s.38 SPVG, SQ) it is expected to be up and running by 2022-01-27. In the interim, National Division PIU remains fully engaged with all of these stakeholders via pre-existing channels.

Protective Clients and Protected Sites

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s.37 Emergency evacuation protocols will be readily available.
- The Prime Minister plans to travel to Quebec City on 2022-01-29 to attend a commemorative event marking the 5 year anniversary of the Quebec City Mosque shooting. PMPD is in discussions with PMO and is exploring alternate travel arrangements in order to avoid the NCR.
- At this time the Governor General plans to remain in the NCR at Rideau Hall and will be staying in her private quarters. OSGG and NCC are actively being briefed on the situation to ensure the safety of our client as well as their employees on site. Discussions continue with the OSGG to explore the possibility of the Governor General relocating to an alternate site with her family in the region.
- The Supreme Court Chief Justice will be departing the NCR for Montreal at 1630hrs on 2022-01-26, where he will remain until the end of the weekend. National Division VIPPD is providing ongoing briefings to the Chief Justice and his office.
- Former PM Chretien is expected at this time to remain at his residence in the NCR.
- National Division is working with the OSGG and NCC to explore the feasibility of closing the grounds of Rideau Hall on 2022-01-29.
- An increased presence of uniformed RCMP RM's will be deployed our various protected sites, in addition to augmenting close protection packages and patrols to enhance our existing protective posture.

Communications

- Communication leads from each agency are actively engaged and collaborating to ensure consistent and accurate messaging. OPS Communications will lead messaging associated with the National Capital Region, PPS Communications has the lead for communications relating to the Precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill and National Division Communications will lead messaging as it pertains to our protective mandate and will ensure NHQ Communications is kept in the loop of media requests and media lines.

Next Steps:

- Additional Sit Reps will be provided to RCMP Senior Management on a daily basis, or more frequently depending on developments from the planning and/or intelligence perspectives.

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